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3 By Senators Figures, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 COMMENDING SENATOR HANK SANDERS ON PUBLISHING 1,500
9 CONSECUTIVE SENATE SKETCHES.

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11 WHEREAS, on April 29, 1987, Senator Hank Sanders
12 published his inaugural Senate Sketches in the Greene County
13 Democrat; and

14 WHEREAS, as of today, March 8, 2016, the good
15 senator has written and published 1,500 consecutive weekly
16 Senate Sketches in the same newspaper; although other
17 newspapers, publications, Email, Facebook, and Twitter feeds
18 throughout the state, nation, and world have published
19 selected Senate Sketches, only the Greene County Democrat has
20 the audacious distinction of publishing the entire 1,500
21 sketches; and

22 WHEREAS, in spite of trials, sickness, surgery,
23 legislative sessions, the lack of available technology, and
24 many other seemingly insurmountable events and circumstances,
25 not once in 29 years did Senator Sanders fail to timely,
26 diligently, and consistently report to his constituency; and

1 WHEREAS, through his Senate Sketches, the senator
2 has brought to life for the public a vivid insider's view of a
3 wide array of topics and concerns affecting his personal and
4 professional life as a humble senator from Alabama, including
5 frustrations and successes, heartache and happiness, culture
6 and history, politics and law, birth and death, and life,
7 sweet life; and

8 WHEREAS, Senate Sketches has evolved over the years
9 according to feedback from readers; has been written during
10 trips to Africa, Asia, South America, Europe, and many places
11 in North America; has been pored over by numerous friends and
12 acquaintances searching for mention of their names; and has
13 been written at the bedside of his dear partner and wife Faya
14 Rose Toure; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we most heartily thank and
17 commend our friend and colleague Senator Hank Sanders for his
18 authentic and enduring contribution to the lives of his
19 constituency by publishing 1,500 Senate Sketches.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
21 resolution be provided to the senator as a small token of our
22 esteem and hope that his publications continue far into the
23 future.